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## CONDEMNNS FOUR TO DEATH

### THE SLAYERS OF JOHN LEWIS.

Meeks Griffin, Tom Griffin, John Crosby and Nelson Brice Sentenced to Die.

Chester Special to Columbia State, July 13.—Four negroes—Meeks Griffin, John Crosby, Tom Griffin and Nelson Brice—yesterday were found guilty of murder and sentenced to death for the murder of John Q. Lewis, a highly respected Confederate veteran of the Cornwell section of this county, April 26, last. The negroes were sentenced to die in the electric chair Friday, September 26, next.

The verdict of guilty and the sentencing of the four prisoners came as the culmination of the most sensational murder trial in the annals of Chester county. How the four negroes plotted the death of the aged man was told on the stand Friday by Monk Stevenson, who acted as hatchman while the deed was done. His testimony, backed up by other evidence, proved sufficient to clear any reasonable doubt from the minds of the jury, and after staying out about two hours the jurors returned a verdict of guilty without recommendation to mercy in the case of all four negroes.

C. J. Ramage of Saluda, acting as prosecutor, then pronounced sentence on the negroes, setting the time of execution as September 26, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

The finish of this murder trial yesterday has been without precedent in this county. The court room and court lawn were packed with people all day.

Many witnesses were examined in the morning and afternoon. The entire case presented an unbroken chain of evidence in corroboration of the confession made by Monk Stevenson, an accomplice in the tragedy, to Sheriff Colvin and Deputy Bindeman, which incriminated the four negroes. Stevenson will give a trial at the fall term of court.

W. H. Newbold made a hopeless case for the negroes, while Solicitor J. K. Henry, it is said, made a premier speech in his career for the state. A. L. Gaston assisted the latter.

Detective Powers came in for considerable praise for his part in unraveling the murder mystery.

## REEKS SEND FUNDS TO KEEP UP WAR

Money Still Pouring in to Queen From All Parts of the United States.

New York, July 14.—A great outpouring of enthusiasm is manifest among the few remaining Greek residents of this city over the war of the other country. The great majority are already left for the front and they can be seen going aboard the ships every day.

Those who remain are mostly Greeks who have established businesses and who could not afford to leave at this time. To show that it is not because they do not want to go and that they have just as much patriotic feeling for the mother country as those who have gone to the front they contribute financially and the support of the war.

In the last three days \$12,000 has been received at the office of the Hellenes, the Greek daily newspaper, and forwarded to the Queen of the Hellenes to use as she thinks fit. Money is still pouring in from parts of the United States and abroad.

Mrs. Euthalia Melachrinou, the wife of a wealthy cigarette manufacturer, sent in a check for \$2,000 yesterday in addition to the large sums she and Mr. Melachrinou contributed to the first war.

## S. C. BANKERS ADJOURN.

Right Williamson of Darlington is Elected President.

Asheville, July 13.—With the election of officers and action on a number of important reports, the South Carolina Bankers' Association, which has been in session at Lake away for the past day or two, adjourned late yesterday afternoon. Resolutions from several cities were read, asking for the 1914 convention, but this question was left to the executive committee.

Right Williamson of Darlington, who was elected president of the association; Charles J. Shannon of Columbia, was elected vice president; G. Holliman of Anderson, was elected secretary and treasurer. Addresses were made by Charles Davis of Petersburg, Va., and F. Stevenson of Cheraw, S. C. The addresses were well received. The association went on record as favoring the erection of a proposed barrier against the boll weevil. The association also went on record as favoring the establishment of some sort of credit system to aid of farmers in the state.

Ident is Surprised at Tariff Change.

Washington, July 14.—President on today expressed surprise that Senate finance committee had introduced duties in the tariff bill on articles of art and book. He believes articles are more of educational than luxuries. It was indicated the president would consult Senate on the change.

## AMERICANS FLEE FROM MEXICO

Many Face Financial Ruin as Result of Series of Revolutions.

Washington, July 13.—Destitute Americans are arriving in the United States on every boat from Mexican ports. Many of them face financial ruin in consequence of the series of revolutions which has paralyzed commercial and industrial enterprises and they are leaving the Southern republic with reluctance. American consuls are empowered to draw upon the state department for funds to bring Americans out of the various danger zones and in some instances notably at Torreon, consuls and consular agents to relieve actual hunger.

Before Mexico passed through the travail which commenced the Madero revolt against the Diaz regime, more than two years ago, most of the now indigent Americans were engaged in prosperous ranching and mining enterprises or other commercial pursuits. While the United States government has repeatedly warned them to flee and depend upon the government of the United States to guarantee a settlement of their claims against Mexico, the fear of delay in the adjustment of claims and the hazard of the loss of destruction of all in the revolution-torn country. Within the last month, however, between four and five hundred have been brought to the United States at government expense.

## CALL OF SOUTH AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Editor of Frost's Magazine Deplores Demoralizing Influence of Scantly Draped Women.

Atlanta, July 14.—The demoralizing influence of scantily draped ladies on Atlanta streets, and pictures of ladies draped not all in Atlanta store windows, is deplored in an editorial of the current issue of Frost's Magazine, "The Call of the South."

The editorial, which deals seriously with the social problem and its complications in the South, says: "The eradication of some of these evils must come by individual and social growth. One of the methods by which these evils will be curtailed and crowded out of act and thought is the requirement of public sentiment, the demand of public opinion. The enforcement of this demand is aided by publicity."

Of the picture "September Morn," which created such a furore of excitement a short time ago, and which was finally permitted to stay in the art store windows, the editorial says: "This picture can offer art only as a pretext. The figure is not normal even, and the posture not graceful. That nudeness is the purpose of the artist rather than to impart an inspirational impression of nature on a glorious morning is evident."

## BRYAN'S SALARY TOO SMALL FOR EXPENSES

Says He is Appearing on Chautauqua Platform to Make Enough to Make Both Ends Meet.

Asheville, July 13.—During the delivery of a lecture at Hendersonville, near here, today, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan paused in the course of his lecture to state that he is compelled to deliver chautauqua lectures in order to supplement his government salary, which he declared is not sufficient to meet his expenses.

"As this is my first chautauqua lecture since becoming a member of the cabinet," said Secretary Bryan, "it may not be out of place to say that I find it necessary to lecture in order to supplement the salary which I receive from the government. As I have lectured for 18 years, this method of adding to my income is the most natural one to which to turn and I regard it as extremely legitimate. I did not think it improper to go from the chautauqua platform into a presidential race, and if I had been elected, I would have thought it no stepping down to return to the lecture platform. These meetings enable me to keep in touch with the people."

Thousands of people were present to hear the secretary of state.

## BUSINESS MEN FEAR ARREST.

Seventeen Said to be Implicated in Atlanta Vice System.

Atlanta, July 14.—Seventeen well-known Atlanta business men are said to be trembling with fear of being arrested in connection with the confession of Corinne Wilson, one of the girls who is baring to the police the alleged workings of the vice system in Atlanta since the closing the segregated district.

The most startling feature of the evidence gathered at police headquarters today tended to show that older girls and women, assisted by men, had been luring girls as young as 13 and 14 years of age into a life of vice.

Several people have already been arrested.

In justice to the rank and file of hotels in Atlanta, whose proprietors are doing everything possible to aid the police, it must be stated that the present scandal touches the reputation of only three hotels and no more namely, the Cumberland, the Britain and the Childs. No other hotel is involved.

## ATROCITIES CONFIRMED

PEOPLE HACKED TO PIECES.

Consular Offices Plundered and Burned—Starvation and Disease—Situation is Desperate.

Saloniki, July 14.—The sacking and burning of the town of Seres by the defeated Bulgarian army and the accompanying outrages on women and atrocities on men were fully confirmed today in a dispatch from a well known Greek correspondent. The retreating Bulgarian soldiers, he telegraphs, opened a cannonade with four field guns from a hill above the town on Friday. At the same time bands of Bulgarian soldiers, led by their officers, scoured the streets, first pillaging the stores and houses and then drenching them with petroleum and setting them alight until the greater part of the town was blazing.

The soldiers were accompanied by the notorious revolutionary Colonel Yankoff, who with other former officers of the Bulgarian army was very active in Macedonia in 1903.

Even the foreign consulates in Seres were not spared, according to the correspondent. The Austro-Hungarian consulate offices were plundered and burned, Vice Consul George C. Zlatko being carried off by the marauders, but subsequently ransomed. The Italian consulate also was sacked, but the consul bought off the incendiaries.

The Bank of Athens, the Oriental Bank, the Palace of the Metropolitan, the Greek Synagogue, all the schools, the tobacco warehouses of the American, Austrian and German companies and the hospitals were burned after they had been pillaged. The American Tobacco Company alone suffered to the extent of \$1,000,000.

Many people were crucified, hacked to pieces or burned alive by the maddened Bulgarians who committed incredible outrages on women of all ages, many of whom died from the effects.

The condition of those who escaped is lamentable. Rich merchants are dying of hunger, while wretched mothers are trying to find covering and food for their naked and starving children.

The situation is desperate as all the pharmacies were burned down and there is a total lack of medicines for the sick and bandages for the injured.

The Greek authorities in Saloniki are rushing foodstuffs, clothing and medicine to the stricken town.

## EMBASSY OF U. S. MENACED BY BOMB

Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson Receives Anonymous Letter With Threat to Blow Up Residence.

Mexico City, July 13.—An anonymous letter containing threats to blow up the United States embassy was received by Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson yesterday, and immediately referred to the Mexican foreign office for investigation.

As an indication of the fervor of patriotism that has been aroused in Mexico the department of the interior announced that representatives of 30,000 workmen had appealed to the government for military instruction in order that they might be ready to fight for the national existence.

The American ambassador protested energetically to the Mexican government yesterday against permitting another anti-American demonstration.

The newspaper El Pais says it has been visited by a committee of women school teachers who offered to enter the ranks of the army and fight in case of an international conflict.

Students of the capital are organizing a demonstration for Sunday in which they have invited all classes to participate. Although the organizers have cautioned those who will participate to keep order, there is grave fear on the part of conservative Mexicans and also among the American colony that the demonstration will provoke serious trouble.

Despite protests of Ambassador Wilson in regard to the attitude of the newspapers, especially of El Pais, the latter journal devotes its entire first page to the anti-American movement, the articles being highly sensational.

Editorially it cautions prudence but utters a strong intimation that the time is near when Mexicans must fight the United States. It urges the public not to place itself in the position of having provoked a war and to leave the responsibility to the United States. It declares that a great wave of patriotic enthusiasm has been aroused throughout the country.

## Wife's Hat Too High For Auto.

Paris, July 14.—Count de Kergerday has just won in court an order granting him \$200 rebate from an automobile manufacturer because the limousine he purchased from him had a roof too low to accommodate the high plumes which his wife wore on her hat. The judge ruled that it was the duty of a manufacturer of cars of fashion to take account of the fact that long plumes are being worn.

Honesty is still the best policy—yet there seems to be a lot of people who are opposed to playing "policy."

## SMITH CALLS FOR FIGURES

ON DAMAGES BY BOLL WEEVIL

Has Written Secretaries of State of Texas, Louisiana and Other States For Full Report.

Washington Special to Columbia Record, July 14.—To convince the senate committee on interstate commerce that the spread of the boll weevil eastward in the southern states is not only serious but dangerous, so that a favorable report will be ordered in his bill to prohibit the planting of cotton on a strip of land running from the mountain of Tennessee to the Gulf of Mexico in order to check the spread of the pest, Senator Smith of South Carolina has called upon the secretaries of state in Texas, Louisiana and other states whose cotton crops are damaged by the weevil, to furnish him with figures pertaining to every angle of damage caused by the little insect.

Senator Smith has received hundreds of telegrams from big farmers and cotton men in the South congratulating him on his plan to prevent the spread of the boll weevil.

The secretaries of state have been asked to show how many millions of dollars have been lost to cotton farmers by the work of the boll weevil; in dollars how land in the affected district has deteriorated in value.

Senator Smith says that Louisiana alone has lost a hundred million of dollars in recent years; that should the weevil spread to Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida the loss would be so great it would be impossible to estimate the damage; that the sea island cotton crop of South Carolina would be ruined and India alone would have to furnish the world with this grade of the fleecy staple.

The bill of Senator Smith now is being drafted. It has aroused great enthusiasm among southern senators and representatives, and the senator believes he will have no trouble in having it enacted into a law.

## FARMERS FIGHTING THE BOLL WEEVIL

Planters in Western Alabama and Mississippi Determined to Make Good Crop in Spite of Pest.

Atlanta, Ga., July 14.—Farmers in Western Alabama and Mississippi are making a determined and winning fight against the boll weevil and are being given loyal support by business men, declares Mr. T. O. Plunkett, manager of the department of farm improvement work of the Southern Railway and affiliated lines, who in company with Mr. J. C. Williams, assistant to President Finley, has just completed an inspection of farm conditions along the Southern Railway, the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, and the Alabama Great Southern Railroad in this territory.

"We did not find a community," says Mr. Plunkett, "where there is any excitement or the slightest sign of panic but every one is in line determined to produce cotton under boll weevil conditions. Thousands of adult weevils were destroyed while the cotton was small and where they escaped farmers are now destroying infected squares. On every hand we found appreciation of the efficient services of the agents of our department and farmers are generally heeding their advice in fighting the weevil. I have been in close touch with the boll weevil since 1900 and I believe that farmers in this territory have heeded the warning given them and will not suffer as did farmers further west."

"Farmers who have adopted the methods advocated by our agents are expecting increased yields in spite of the weevil, and with the determined fight now being waged, I see no reason why the general yield in this great section should not be normal, though individual farmers who have refused to take the advice of experts are sure to lose heavily."

## KILLS YOUNG LADY.

Train Bearing Bryan and Senator Lea Runs Over Girl.

Asheville Special to Charlotte Observer, July 13.—The train which brought Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan and Senator Luke Lea into Asheville yesterday, Southern No. 14, ran over and instantly killed Miss Annie E. Williams of Gainesville, Fla., a summer visitor, who was crossing a small trestle near Swananoa.

A small nephew of Miss Williams, who was with her, saw the train approaching drew back from the trestle and escaped. The engineer of the locomotive, it is said, did not see the young lady in time to stop his engine.

The body of Miss Williams was carried to a nearby house, and will probably be sent from there to her home in Florida.

## Accidentally Shoots Himself.

Jim Kilgo, an old colored man, living on the Wylie place, west of town, accidentally shot himself Friday afternoon in his left leg below the knee, inflicting serious injuries upon himself. He had been in the bottoms plowing and seeing the rain coming up, he hitched his mule to the wagon and was getting in when the gun, a single-barrel weapon, went off, the contents lodging in his leg.

## TEACHERS CLOSE SESSION.

National Education Association Adjourns at Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 12.—With a general session in the Mormon tabernacle last night, the 51st annual convention of the National Education Association and affiliated societies came to a close. Dr. Joseph Swain, president-elect, spoke briefly upon the program for the ensuing year.

Thomas Jesse Jones of the United States bureau of education pleaded for more democracy in education. "While we have proclaimed our belief in the education of all the people with almost boastful pride," he said, "we have been clinging with blind tenacity to a form of education that is both traditional and aristocratic."

Speaking on the subject of morality and wages, Irene E. McDermont of Pittsburgh, declared that education should be made so efficient that employers would raise wages voluntarily. Education, he said, was more effective in preventing immorality among girls than a minimum wage.

## NATION-WIDE FIGHT ON LIQUOR IN 1920

Polling Declares New Militant Educational Campaign Will be Waged.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 13.—To the question "how to meet the liquor menace," Daniel A. Polling, speaking for the United Societies of Christian Endeavorers, answered here today "educate and exterminate." The speaker, who is the national superintendent of the society, said weaknesses of the anti-saloon movement had been due to a lack of unity.

"But in this new militant educational campaign," he said, "which will be nationwide, we will present a fighting platform of common agreement."

"We declare for national prohibition in 1920 as the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States and because of past bitter defeats, where good laws have been entrusted to unfriendly and uncommitted administrations, we declare for the election of candidates and administrations outspokenly committed to the enforcement of existing temperance laws and to the complete destruction of the liquor traffic."

"Our educational program will begin with alcohol itself. The liquor traffic is the master corruptor of politics. The corrupted vote of every state is in the hollow of the liquor hand."

"We are convinced the hour has arrived when without prejudice to, or interference with the fundamental principles and policies of any particular organization, all temperance organizations of the country should unite in a nationwide program of education and extermination."

"America is a name that sounds most friendly and familiar to the ear of every Japanese, especially to that of Japanese Christians," declared Rev. T. Sawaya at another session last night.

"The essential thing in bringing America and Japan into truly friendly and fraternal relations is an acceptance of the principles of Christ's teachings."

Among speakers at churches today was Rev. William V. Patterson of Belfast, Ireland.

## GOVERNOR HITS AT SECRETARY BRYAN

Blease Declares Federal Official Should Not Draw Two Salaries.

Hendersonville, N. C., Special to the Columbia Record, July 14.—Governor Blease, in an interview today, attacked William Jennings Bryan who lectured here yesterday, for going into chautauqua work while Secretary of state.

The governor said he did not believe the drawing of a double salary was right, and that Bryan should resign from the cabin if he found, as the secretary of state indicated in an interview published here, that he could not live on the salary of the office.

The governor further stated that Bryan's going about the country lecturing reminded him of a cheap circus horse rider operating under the crack of a whip.

Governor Blease stated that Senator Tillman had ruined himself with the people of South Carolina in just the same manner when he went about lecturing; instead of remaining in Washington and attending to the business of the senate.

Just as the governor alighted from his train yesterday he met Bryan and the two shook hands.

The governor is on his way to Glenn Springs for a brief rest.

## Woman Orator Fights Dispensary.

Orangeburg Special to the Columbia Record, July 14.—Mrs. Mary Harris Armour, known as the "World's Greatest Woman Orator," delivered three addresses in this place Sunday, in the interest of the cause of prohibition. This was the first gun fired in the campaign to be waged by the prohibitionists against the reestablishment of the dispensary in this county.

## GREEKS ENTER PROTEST

NO HOPE OF ARBITRATION.

King Constantine Complains of the Atrocities of Bulgaria—Attitude of Russia.

London, July 13.—King Constantine's protest to the civilized world against Bulgarian atrocities destroys the last hope of those who believed that Russia would succeed in inducing the belligerents to accept arbitration. The spectators of the struggle have been confident throughout that Serbia would prove amenable to the counsels of moderation in view of the appalling losses she sustained in ejecting the Bulgarians from Macedonia, but were less hopeful that Greece would listen to reason, as her people and army are obviously intoxicated by the victories over the dreaded Bulgars.

In his protest, the Greek King declares: "I see myself compelled to wreak vengeance in order to inspire these monsters with terror and make them reflect before committing more outrages of this sort."

The strength of King Constantine's language and dispatches from Constantinople late last night indicate that Bulgaria may not merely be stripped of the fruits of her victory over the Turks but possibly may have to submit to diminution of her own territory for Roumania is credited with the intention of annexing a larger strip than she at first proclaimed, while Turkey is joining hands with Serbia and Greece and has already ordered her troops to advance.

Beyond briefly chronicling the unopposed advance of the Roumanians, Sofia maintains a significant silence regarding the operations of the Serbians and Greeks.

Athens, July 13.—From King Constantine, the Greek minister of foreign affairs has received the following message:

"The commander of the sixth division reports that Bulgarian soldiers carrying out the orders of their captains, gathered together in the courtyard of the school at Demirhisar two priests and over 100 notables whom they massacred. The bodies have been disinterred in order to prove the crime. Bulgarian soldiers outraged girls, one of whom, resisting, was cut to pieces."

"Protest in my name to the representatives of the civilized powers against the acts of these monsters in human form. Protest also to the entire civilized world and say that, to my regret, I see myself compelled to wreak vengeance in order to inspire the monsters with terror and make them reflect before committing more outrages of this sort."

"The Bulgarians have surpassed all the horrors of barbaric times and have proved that they no longer have a right to be recognized among civilized people."

The commander of the seventh division reports that the town of Seres has been burned with the exception of the Jewish and Mussulman quarters. Many men, women and children were found murdered or burned in the homes. Twenty thousand persons are without shelter.

A long statement issued by the minister of war gives details of crimes alleged to have been committed by the Bulgarian troops while fleeing from the Greek army.

"Priests, old men, women and children," says the statement, "suffered martyrdom after being subjected to unspeakable treatment. Incendiarism was the order of the day. Not a single church was respected and the savings of many people were stolen by Bulgarian officers and soldiers."

Constantinople, July 13.—The Turkish troops at Tchatalja and Bulair have received orders to march for the reoccupation of the Ottoman territory now held by the Bulgarians. Preparations are being made for an advance toward Ergin lines.

The Bulgarian delegate, M. Natsochovitch, last night expressed regret at the failure of his mission, which he had hoped would result in a Turco-Bulgarian alliance.

The mission of the Serbian delegate, M. Pavlovitch, has proved successful. It is said that an agreement between Turkey and Serbia will be signed today.

According to the Turkish accounts, the agreement insures to Turkey the recovery of a large part of Thrace. Negotiations for an understanding between Turkey and Greece have been proceeding at the same time, it is believed, with good prospects of a satisfactory conclusion.

## Japs Present Loving Cup to Charleston.

Washington, July 14.—While diplomatic Washington is conjecturing over the voluminous correspondence between the United States and Japan, the two countries, by alternately extending courtesies, to each other, are keeping the curious ones completely in the dark as to the real situation regarding the California controversy.

During the past few weeks, the United States has officially welcomed a dozen or more eminent Japanese visitors, some of whom even, were here to sound public opinion as to the anti-alien legislation which caused the stir. Now the Japanese have presented the United States cruiser Charleston with a silver loving cup.